Setting up of National Commission for Employment Generation

3113. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a National Commission for Employment Generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Task Force and a Special Group were constituted in the Planning Commission to suggest strategy and programmes for creation of 100 million jobs over the 10 years period. As such, it is not considered necessary at present to set up a separate commission for employment generation.

Cases against defaulting employers

3114. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases initiated by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation against the defaulting employers under various provisions of law during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the number of such cases pending as on the 31st March, 2003;

(c) the cases which are more than three years old;

(d) the reasons for delay in disposal thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government to expedite them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) During 2002-2003, 838 cases were initiated under Section 406/409 of Indian Penal Code against employers who defaulted in payment of employees' share of contribution. Besides, 3241 cases were filed against the erring employers under Section 14 of the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

(b) As on 31-03-2003, 5101 cases under Section 406/409 of Indian Penal Code and 32,494 cases under Section 14 of the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 were pending.

(c) 2446 cases under Section 406/409 of Indian Penal Code and 21204 cases under Section 14 of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 were pending for more than three years as on 31.03.2003.

(d) and (e) Disposal of the cases depends on the decisions of the courts. However, representation in courts has been strengthened to get stays vacated and to effectively contest the court cases.

Urology Unit at ESI Hospital, Indiranagar, Bangalore

3115. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent any proposal to start Urology Unit at ESI Hospital, Indiranagar, Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ESI Corporation has requested the Government of Karnataka to post requisite specialists to start Urology Department at ESI Hospital Indiranagar, Bangalore.

Creation of additional employment

3116. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various projects launched by Government to create additional employment during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the target set under these projects/schemes, State-wise;

(c) whether any monitoring agency has been set up to review the problems of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Estimated potential of employment opportunities in different sectors during the Tenth Plan period is given in the Statement (*See* below). State-wise details are not maintained.